Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It may be admitted. But we will print those zeroes there and say it is unintelligible.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If a question is admitted that means it was intelligible. Will that position be admitted?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question of admission is for the President. When we find it is unintelligible we will say it is not clear.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If a question does not offend any of the rules it will be admitted. The only test applied is whether the question offends any of the rules.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is there any rule that the question could be made intelligible?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There is no rule.

Half-fee concession to backward communities.

234. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to one of my previous questions regarding certificates for half-fee concession to members of an educationally backward community, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the present clamour for a general reduction of tuition fee irrespective of the community to which students belong?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No, but Government have received a resolution passed at a public meeting requesting among others for a remission in school fees as a temporary measure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have they any definite information about the financial condition of any in that group?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—With regard to three of those I remember. With regard to the first two the report from the Deputy Tahsildar said that the parent was worth about a lakh of rupees and with regard to the other he has simply said 'he is also rich'.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Where was the occasion for this enquiry being made by the Revenue Officers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—When certain petitions were received that these concessions were going to be given to the rich I forwarded them to the Revenue authorities for enquiry.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Petitions from whom, may I know?

President.—The question was put yesterday and it was decided that names of people should not creep in.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—About the searching enquiry did not the Hon'ble Member for Education promise to place all those papers on the table yesterday?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes. I said that some of these papers are in the hands of the Head Masters who have to grant poverty certificates. So I have to get them from the Head Masters before it can be placed.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Of the number 19 whose concessions have been cancelled has it come to the notice of the Hon'ble Member for Education that at least in the case of one or two their debts are more than their assets?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly make an enquiry into the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If the name is communicated I shall enquire.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If you can give the names of the 19 persons I can give you that name.

Appointment of Medical graduates as Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

235. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state whether there is any order of theirs preventing graduates of medicine from being appointed as Sub-Assistant Surgeons?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

236. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state:—

(a) the circumstances under which the order referred to in the previous question was issued; and

(b) whether they are aware that the same has caused hardships to the unprovided graduates of medicine?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) It was to avoid a clash between the interests of the two grades of medical men that Government had to issue such an order.

(b) Government do not think that the order has caused any hardship to medical graduates since the Assistant Surgeon's grade is reserved for them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What kind of clash?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The clash is that with the L. M. P. qualification, people will not be in a position to get in efficiency in the State service.

President.—We must now pass on.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I claim the benefit of the amendment that the question time can be extended by the President?

President.—I don't think it should be extended.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want time only for the present question which is before the consideration of the Council.

President.—I think we should pass on to the other business.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even if the question time is over the President can extend the time. There is a new amendment also in our favour.

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